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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY TO THE CABINET

SUBJECT : Questionnaire on Public Advisory Committees

REFERENCE: Your memorandum of August 1, 1958

The following is in response to your memorandum of August 1 requesting an indication of the use of public advisory committees by the Central Intelligence Agency.

1. Question: The number of existing public advisory committees for which the Congress has by statute specified the purpose, composition and conduct (such as selection of chairman or holding of meetings) and has not specifically given the President the power to prescribe rules, and the citation of the statute or statutes under which each such committee has been formed.....

Answer: None.

2. Question: The number of existing public advisory committees, other than those listed for 1, above, which adhere to standards and procedures as stated in a, b, c, d, and e.

Answer: None.

3. Question: The number of existing public advisory committees, other than those listed for 1, above, which do not adhere to one or more of the standards and procedures listed in 2, above, together with the name and composition of each such committee, the respects in which it does not adhere to those standards and procedures and the reasons therefor.....

Answer: The President's Board of Consultants on Foreign Intelligence Activities as established by Executive Order #10656 on January 13, 1956. This Board is composed of Gen. John E. Hull, USA (Ret.), Chairman; Adm. Richard L. Conolly, USN (Ret.); Hon. Colgate W. Darden, Jr.; Lt. Gen. James H. Doolittle, USAFR; Mr. Benjamin F. Fairless, Dr. James R. Killian, Jr.; Hon. Robert A. Lovett and Mr. Edward L. Ryerson. The Board is required by its Executive Order to report to the President not less often than semi-annually. It meets approximately four times a year, although members are almost constantly surveying the activities of the foreign intelligence groups of the Government. The Board maintains a full-time staff composed of Brig. Gen. John F. Cassidy, Staff Director, one assistant and a secretary. While Gen. Cassidy and his staff are full-time salaried employees of the United States Government, the Board itself serves without compensation except for expenses.

Signed

Executive Officer

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